

to the public on March 1, 1976. Complete with an ice rink and a Ford monorail connecting the then-named Dearborn Hyatt Regency with the Center, at the time Fairlane was the shining example of what the modern shopping mall could be, right at home in Metro Detroit.

The businesses of Fairlane Town Center have come and gone over the years and hundreds of stores and services have called Fairlane home. When they opened in 1976, the mall was anchored by Sears and JCPenney, later joined by Hudson's, Lord & Taylor, and Saks Fifth Avenue. Now, it is anchored by Macy's and JCPenney—along with Ford Motor Company's innovative Town Center Office. Fairlane Town Center is a place where businesses thrive and has been a consistent supporter of the local economy, helping us all find the goods and services that we need—all in one place.

Fairlane Town Center has served as a shopping destination and gathering place for residents of Dearborn for the past 45 years. It has been where generations of Dearbornites have worked and played. Serving as home to budding small businesses and landmark department stores alike, there has always been something for everyone at Fairlane Town Center.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Fairlane Town Center as they celebrate 45 fantastic years of business in Dearborn, Michigan. As the times have changed, so has Fairlane in order to meet the needs of our consumers. As a fixture of our community for the last four decades, we wish them the very best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING PUERTO RICO
YOUTH AT RISK, INC.'S 25 YEARS
OF SERVICE AND ITS FOUNDER,
DR. MERCEDES CINTRÓN

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 25, 2022

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the work of Puerto Rico Youth at Risk, Inc.—Jóvenes de Puerto Rico en Riesgo, Inc., in Spanish—on its 25 years of service. I also want to congratulate the organization's founder, Dr. Mercedes Cintrón, who was recently selected as a finalist for the Lifetime Achievement Award during the National Mentoring Summit's 2022 Excellence in Mentoring Award Ceremony.

Puerto Rico Youth at Risk is a non-profit organization focused on developing school dropout and delinquency prevention programs for at-risk youth in Puerto Rico. Since 1996, they have carried out multiple initiatives to help at-risk students on the Island achieve their full potential, including through one-on-one mentoring services, personal and social development workshops, academic support, and community service experiences. Puerto Rico Youth at Risk has been highly successful, as 98 percent of students who participate in its various programs remain at school; 95 percent graduate from high school; and 70 percent of the program's graduates have gone on to pursue higher education studies.

On January 28, 2022, Dr. Mercedes Cintrón was nominated and selected as a finalist for

the 2022 Excellence in Mentoring Award Ceremony's Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes individuals who have dedicated their life's work to supporting youth through mentoring. Dr. Cintrón is a psychologist and social worker who has dedicated the last 28 years of her career and volunteer work to promote and facilitate the use of ontological mentoring to prevent school dropout and antisocial behavior in teens. She has witnessed over 3,000 successful mentoring experiences that have changed the lives of both mentors and mentees, many of whom have continued to serve in their communities.

In 1993, Dr. Cintrón pioneered the use of formal mentoring in Puerto Rico. She was inspired and committed to establishing Puerto Rico Youth at Risk after completing her term as Administrator of Puerto Rico's Juvenile Correctional Institutions, where she saw firsthand the need to carry out evidenced-based prevention and intervention programs to reach at-risk young individuals before it is too late.

Dr. Cintrón's selection as a finalist for the Excellence in Mentoring Award Ceremony's Lifetime Achievement Award is a testament to Puerto Rico Youth at Risk's impact and valuable work during the past 25 years. It also represents a historic milestone, as Dr. Cintrón was the only Puerto Rican among this year's nominees and the first individual from Puerto Rico to have been nominated for this prestigious award.

I'm honored to join Puerto Rico Youth at Risk to celebrate Dr. Cintrón's achievement and the organization's 25 years of service on behalf of Puerto Rico's at-risk and vulnerable students.

HONORING OLYMPIAN JAKE
VEDDER

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 25, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jake Vedder, a young man of exceptional character and talent who valiantly represented his home town of Pinckney, Michigan and Team USA at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, China.

At the Olympics, Vedder finished sixth out of 32 competitors in the individual snowboard race, and was first among the four Americans competing. This 23-year-old phenom was also named to one of the two United States tandems for the inaugural mixed team snowboard cross event, where he and his partner made it to the quarterfinals.

Unlike many snowboarders, Jake wasn't born in the mountains and didn't grow up in a resort town. He's from Pinckney, population 2300, and he began his snowsports career at the age of two on the small but beloved ski hills in the neighboring town that were made with leftover material from the construction of the interstate.

He was a kid with a dream, a family that supported it, and a community that nurtured it. And as his star has risen, from winning the state championship as a 10th grader, to winning a gold medal in the Youth Olympics at

age 18, to competing on the world's biggest athletic stage at age 23, he's never forgotten where he comes from.

Jake is known for spending whatever free time he has dishing out encouragement to younger athletes, giving tips on techniques, handing out gear, and just being present to offer support. In fact, just hours after returning home from the Olympics, Jake was back at Mt. Brighton where it all began for him, cheering on high school snowboarders who were competing in the state meet.

No matter how high he jumps, how fast he races, or how far he travels, Jake clearly remains grounded. He is tethered by his hometown values, anchored by humility, and rooted in kindness. In an era where so many seek instant celebrity or viral fame, Jake's modest spirit and good nature are almost as impressive as his athletic accomplishments.

On and off the slopes, he is a leader and a role model who has made Pinckney so proud. I have no doubt that whatever the future holds for him, he will conquer it with the tenacity, discipline, and humanity that have already taken him so far. It is my great honor to inscribe his accomplishments in the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
MAXWELL HUNTLEY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 25, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Maxwell (Max) Huntley and his service to Virginia's First District and the Nation.

Max earned his bachelor's degree in English and master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Michigan. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Military Operations from the United States Air Force Air Command and Staff College. As a NCAA All-American athlete, Max dominated the mats as the University of Michigan's first three-time wrestling team captain in the school's history.

Max joined my office in April 2017 and became my Military Legislative Assistant in February 2019 and Senior Advisor in May 2021. During his time serving Virginia's First District, Max admirably staffed my House Armed Services Committee, including my role as Sea power and Projection Forces Subcommittee Chairman and Ranking Member. Max labored tirelessly to advance the shared goal of a larger and more capable United States Navy and Marine Corps in an era of Great Power Competition.

Max has devoted his talents to the common good and the nation's defense as he follows the distinguished Huntley family tradition of service to the United States. I would like to thank Max for his contributions over the last 4 years. I wish Max the best as he continues his journey on the other side of the Capitol with Senator John Kennedy.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Max Huntley for his dedicated service to Virginia's First District. May God bless Max as he continues his career in public service.